

PUT BIBLE ABOVE ALL ELSE

Writer's Poetic Description of King David's Love of the Scriptures of His Day.

In the days of King David the Bible was a scanty book; yet he loved it well, and found daily wonders in it. Genesis with its sublime narration of how God made the world, with its glimpses of patriarchal piety, and dark disclosures of gigantic sin; Exodus, with its glorious marchings through that great wilderness, its thrilling memorials of Jehovah's outstretched arm, and the volume of the written law; Leviticus, through whose flickering vistas David's eye discerned the shadows of better things to come; Numbers, with its natural history of the heart of man; Deuteronomy, with its vindication of the ways of God; Joshua and Judges, with their chapters of providence, their stirring incidents, and peaceful episodes; the memoir of Job, so fraught with spiritual experience; and the domestic annals of Ruth, which told to her grandson such a tale of divine foreknowledge and love and care, all converging on himself, or rather on David's son and David's Lord: these were David's Bible, and he desired it beyond all his riches.

But you have yet an ample Bible—a Bible with psalms and prophets in it—a Bible with gospels and epistles. —James Hamilton.

UNPLEASANT LADY TO MEET

In Greek mythology, Hera, sister of Zeus, turned the beholder into stone.

The Gorgons were three monstrous females who bore to some extent in Greek mythology, particularly the Gorgon Medusa, who was slain by the great hero Perseus. She was originally a beautiful girl whose hair was her principal charm, but she dared to vie in beauty with Minerva, and the resentful goddess changed her form in revenge. She had enormous snake-like teeth, sharp claws and, instead of hair, a head of live serpents. Her aspect was so frightful that the sight of her turned beholders to stone, and her cave was surrounded by the petrified forms of men and animals which had chanced to catch sight of her.

Perseus was sent to destroy her by King Polydectes of Seriphus. As he enjoyed the favor of Minerva and Mercury, these two deities aided him in his enterprise. Minerva lending him her shield and Mercury his winged sandals. He approached the Gorgon while she slept and, taking care not to look directly at her, but guided by her image reflected in the polished shield, cut off her head and gave it to Minerva.

Eskimo Ivory Carving.

One of the most widely followed professions in the Far North is that of the ivory carver, and it is not only an industry but a pastime as well, filling many of the long evenings of the lengthy Arctic winter. The Eskimos have never attained the perfection of the Chinese artisans, due partly to the greater crudity of their methods and partly to the fact that they use the ivory of the walrus instead of that of the elephant, but some of their products show nevertheless a great measure of artistry.

The stock articles which the Eskimos manufacture are beads, cribbage boards, napkin rings and crochet needles. They are made, usually, from the outer portion of the walrus tusk, as the interior is a bony substance, mottled in appearance. The most prized articles are furnished from walrus ivory dug up from where it has lain for ages and become semi-fossilized.

Topeka, Oct. 18.—The Non Partisan League and the radical labor element in the state have united on Jonathan M. Davis for Governor. Not that there was much question that this would be done, since that is the vote to which Davis makes his appeal, but that the attempt has been made to create the impression that the red end of the labor federation had not yet decided what they would do.

In the Kansas Leader, the official organ of NPL, under the heading, "Labor Will Meet us Half Way" the alliance is revealed in this statement, published on the front page:

"Labor in due time shall know what it is expected to do at the coming election, as decided at the convention. While you are waiting organize 'Davis for Governor' clubs."

The convention to which reference is made was the meeting of the Kansas Federation of Non Partisan Voters and the Kansas State Federation of Labor, and was held at Emporia, September 30. Further on in the same article it is again stated that every union will be instructed to organize 'Davis for Governor' clubs.

Whether the radical labor leaders will be able to make "rubber stamps" out of the workers of Kansas is another matter. There is also some room for debate on the ability of the NPL to hog-tie and deliver the vote of the farmers of the State to the Democratic nominee.

The voters who work in the towns and on the farms of Kansas have a habit of thinking for themselves, and many strong labor leaders resent the idea of being in due time to know exactly what it is expected to do at the coming election." They

claim to be able to think for themselves, and object to being herded to the polls like as many cattle. Some of them even go so far as to assert that W. Y. Morgan has been a friend of labor for thirty years, that he has around a hundred men and women on his payroll who are all his staunch and enthusiastic supporters, and that the tremendous vote which he rolled up in his home county in the Primary proves that he is the kind of a man who has been tried for thirty years in one community and not found wanting, and that they intend to vote for him.

Many farmers are also taking the same stand—that Morgan has lived in Kansas all his life, that he operates a farm or two himself, that he has been a successful business man, that the Republican platform declares for the things in which the farmer is interested, and they say that the NPL has no strings on them, and that they will vote for Morgan for Governor.

WOMEN INDEPENDENT IN CITIZENSHIP

Women in America will hereafter become citizens or aliens in their own right and not on account of marriage. This is effected by a law which the President signed Thursday, September 21.

Formerly an American woman, marrying an alien, forfeited her American citizenship, while an alien woman, marrying an American citizen, automatically became an American citizen. Women have long felt that this was unfair, and several women's organizations have advocated an independent citizenship measure. If an American woman formally renounces her citizenship, or if she marries an alien ineligible to citizenship, she becomes an alien; but otherwise her citizenship is on a status equal to male citizenship and depends entirely upon herself; and is subject to the same rules which control the citizenship and naturalization of male citizens.

Although the subject has long been a mooted question, and of especial interest to women, and urged by a number of women's organizations, it was impossible to get the Democratic administration to pay any attention to it. It was left for the Republican party, whose policy has always been to give justice and equality to women, to put the measure through.

Representative Cable (Republican) of Ohio, and Senator Colt (Republican), of Rhode Island, introduced the bill in their respective houses. It passed both houses with almost no opposition from Republican congressmen, and was promptly signed by the President.—Ex.

NEWS ABOUT THE VICTORY HIGHWAY

Topeka, Kansas, Oct. 18.—There has been incorporated in the Victory Highway, transcontinental memorial motor route, California's famed "Path of Gold," one of the most unique highways in the world, passing through a region which has not been exceeded by any other area of like size, in the production of wealth of all forms.

As extended by the Victory Highway's adoption of the Truckee canon route from Reno, Nevada, to San Francisco, the "Path of Gold" starts at Reno, the heart of the gold producing section of Nevada, follows the Truckee river route over the Sierras, past Donner Lake, where an exploring party followed the path of gold to their death. It passes through the "Mother Lode" country of the Sierras, that fabulous "Mother Lode" whence came the nuggets of placer mining days. It passes Dutch Flat and Gold Run where the deep scars made by the giant water-guns of the hydraulic mining days may yet be seen and runs within twenty miles of Coloma, where Marshall discovered gold in the tail race of Sutter's mill.

It descends the west slope of the Sierras where golden oranges hang upon the trees and crosses the American river, on the head waters of which gold was first discovered in California. It passes through Sacramento, where Sutter's Fort, shrouded with historic atmosphere, still stands. To Sutter's Fort was brought the first gold nugget found by Marshall, and it was from Sutter's fort that the news of the discovery of gold was sent out to the world, to result in the gold rush of 1849, one of the most epoch-making events of all history.

From Sacramento down the Sacramento Valley the Victory Highway follows the Path of Gold through the richest delta lands in the United States, with orchards that produce the earliest pears and peaches to be transmutated into gold every year. Here also is the center of the world's production of asparagus.

Crossing the San Joaquin and emerging from the "Tunnel Road" the Victory Highway reaches the climax of the transcontinental journey. Below it Berkeley and Oakland are spread. They are surrounded by the palatial homes of the richest citizens of the United States. Beyond the bay, with its islands and its fleets of ships bearing the treasures of the

world to the shores of America, lies San Francisco.

And the Victory Highway follows through the main streets of the city to its western terminus, the Path of Gold.

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State highway engineers of Nevada, and federal engineers as well, are concentrating on the improvement of the Victory Highway through that state, and according to a recent report, are making astonishing progress in the construction of automobile highways.

A recent tour of Nevada's roads by Frank V. Smith, assistant manager of the Howard Automobile company of San Francisco, and H. C. Heidtmann, representative of a nationally known motor car manufacturing company for the state of California, has brought out some interesting material on the progress which Nevada is making in the construction of roads.

The report of the two automobile men says, in part: "The Victory Highway, which goes through most of the important towns of Nevada, is the route which is to be constructed by the Nevada and United States road engineers."

"This highway touches Elko, Winnemucca, Reno, and other places where the majority of the people of Nevada have settled. From Carlin to Lovelock there has been built a link of this highway which is close to fifty miles in length. It is a fine gravelled road."

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Salina, Oct. 19.—As a result of the recent State Convention of the W. C. T. U., held here last week, the women of Kansas are suddenly taking a personal interest in politics. In every county in the State the women who attended this meeting carried the news back home that the Democratic Party platform failed to recognize the women in any way, and that none of the measures of interest to the women were even mentioned by inference.

Prohibition, as exemplified by the Volstead Act and the Bone Dry Bill, were both endorsed by the Republican Platform. The Democrats pledged themselves to the repeal of "obnoxious" laws and the re-establishment of local self government. The prohibitory law is an "obnoxious" law, and in the good old days when the Democratic Party was making a fight for resubmission, local self government meant "local option."

The Republicans pledge themselves to help make better rural schools. The Democrats do not mention the school problem.

From start to finish the Republicans have endorsed the things in which women are vitally interested, and which mean better homes and better citizenship, while the Democrats have totally ignored them. Of course the Democrats are running true to form, for they have been consistently against prohibition, woman's

suffrage and all the other measures which have been advocated by the women, but this is the first time that the things for which women stand have been absolutely ignored and that even the name "woman" has been barred from the platform.

In the Case of Love.

Absence is like a wind which fans a conflagration, but which extinguishes a candle.—M. Thayer.

In many parts of China, when a man loses his father or a wife her husband they go into mourning by wearing old and discarded clothes.

Civilizing the Eskimos.

The bureau of education for the natives of Alaska points out that in a single generation the reindeer industry has raised the Eskimos one entire stage in the scale of civilization—from nomadic hunters to pastoral people.

Holidays in the Jungle.

At the equator in Africa there are only two seasons—wet and dry. The former makes eight months of summer averaging 117 degrees Fahrenheit. During the dry season the thermometer rarely goes below 70.

Cheering to Most of Us.

A French writer says: "He who is never foolish is not so wise as he thinks." An old Greek philosopher went even further and said: "The man who isn't a fool half the time is a fool all the time."—Boston Transcript.

Attaining the Ideal.

The man who has fewest bodily wants approaches nearest to the divine nature. Satisfy these wants at the cheapest rate, and expend the remaining energies of your nature in the attainment of virtue and knowledge.—Shelley.

London Stock Exchange.

The London stock exchange has now a membership of 4,000. When first opened it had 500. Previously brokers did business in New Jonathan's Coffee house, whose patrons decided to call it the stock exchange.

Ever Hopeful.

Following is a card received from my little sister up in the country on a vacation: "Dear Marian: I am having a fine time. I arrived safe and hope to arrive the same way going home. Love from Gertrude."—Chicago Tribune.

Why Lobsters Turn Red.

The rough armored jackets of crabs and lobsters are really red in color, but they are darkened by considerable quantities of black pigment. When they are placed in boiling water the pigment is dissolved and the red color shows up.

Carrying Their Message.

While sitting on the steps one evening my little girl saw some horses coming from the sales stables labeled sold. She came running into the house, crying excitedly: "Mother! I just saw some horses going down the street with their tails wrapped in paper and a note on their backs!"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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